



Coe's Golden Drop

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This Plum is known, in some collections, under the name of the *Bury Seedling*, or *Coe's Seedling*; and is said to have been raised from seed by Mr. COE, at *Bury*, in *Norfolk*. In opposition to the statement, that it is a variety of very recent origin, it is asserted, that a tree, of at least fifty years' growth, was cut down in the garden of Mr. SCHOLEY, at *Putney*, about five years ago. The trees are of very vigorous growth, and, in most seasons, highly productive; their leaves are large, being frequently 5 inches in length, and 3 inches in breadth; dark green on their upper surface, smooth and paler beneath: the ample foliage of this variety distinguishing it from any of its congeners. Fruit oblong, or rather bell-shaped; from 2 to 2½ inches in length, and about one fifth less in breadth; the broad end irregular, one side projecting rather beyond the other: the cleft or furrow very slight, and in some Plums scarcely perceptible. Skin greenish yellow, spotted on the side next the sun with violet and crimson: the gold colour of the flesh is seen through the skin, when fully ripe, presenting a rich appearance. Stone very flat, elongated at the top; the lower end oval, with a sharp point.

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